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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A representation has been received from the South Indian Teachers' Union communicating the recommendations of the Conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of the District Teachers' Guilds on the subject. The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know in what stage of consideration the matter still is? The then Minister for Education, Sri K. Madhava Menon, gave us an assurance about the revision of the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The scales of pay of teachers were revised along with the general revision of the scales of pay of Government servants in 1947. Since then a further revision of the scales of pay of certain categories of teachers like pandits has been made. The Government are now examining the possibility of raising the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers in secondary schools and also of allowing slightly higher scales of pay for L.T. Assistants employed in aided high schools with 25 sections and more."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that during the last session, the then Hon. Minister for Education assured me that the Government had decided to increase the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers? May I know when that decision will be given effect to or whether such a decision was not arrived at at all and the announcement made on the floor of the House was not correct?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No decision has so far been arrived at, Sir."

Co-operative farming.

* 96 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether instructions have been issued by the Central Government to encourage co-operative farming and associate farming and if so, what the plan of action is to give effect to those directions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In 1945 the Policy Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries set up by the Government of India recommended that pilot experiments should be tried by State Governments to study the relative merits of different forms of farm organization. The Government of India endorsed the recommendation and suggested that experiments might be made in Co-operative and Collective Farming. Early in 1951, the Central Government also recommended that associated farms might be set up by public institutions wherever possible.

" This Government have been encouraging co-operative land colonization societies and giving them all possible assistance. In regard to collective farming, this Government are awaiting the results of experiments conducted in other States.

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" As regards associated farms there are no possibilities of starting such farms in the State."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether this Government have deputed an officer to go and see the working of these collective farms in other States? Would it not be desirable, Sir, to get first-hand information rather than rely on reports from other States? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think that any officer has so far been deputed, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Procurement bonus fund.

* 97 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount to the credit of the procurement bonus fund was, at the end of last year;

(*b*) what is the amount likely to accrue to it during this year;

(*c*) what the amount of expenditure incurred from the bonus fund was last year and what it will be this year and the amounts allocated to various items;

(*d*) whether the Government of India have intimated the discontinuance of procurement bonus from next year;

(*e*) whether this discontinuance will upset the programme of the State Government: and

(*f*) whether any representation has been submitted to the Central Government on the subject and if so, what their reactions are?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture) :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to clause (f), may I know whether the Government will renew their request to the Government of India to give a full grant for 1951–52 in view of the financial position of this State? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" I think the matter has been sufficiently pressed upon the Government of India, but still whenever there is another occasion to press the matter again, the Government will do the needful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the Government of India are giving full grants to other States for these intensive cultivation schemes? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 205–206 infra.